

Senior Mobility Work Group Accomplishments November 2014

Promote and Sponsor Research in Michigan on Senior Mobility Issues

- MDOT continues to fund research on senior mobility issues.
 - a. MDOT is funding and taking the lead on developing a Driver Education and Planning Strategy for planning for your driving retirement. Multi-disciplinary advisory and stakeholder partners from around the state are involved in this project. This project will plan, test, and implement an effective, sustainable statewide safety education and intervention strategy for drivers over the age 60. The goals are to promote self-assessment of personal driving skills; make skill building tools available to extend safe driving; and to assist older drivers and any support givers make a safe and independent transition from personal vehicle use to other options for personal mobility and independence.
 - b. MDOT is funding research on evaluating the engineering enhancements made based on the 2001 FHWA Highway Design Handbook for Older Drivers and Pedestrians and the supplemental Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians. We are looking at Clearview Font, Pedestrian Countdown Signals, Fluorescent Yellow Sheeting, Lane Use Arrows and Box Span Signal Installation.

Plan for an Aging Mobility and Transportation Dependent Population

- Provide a track at the 2014 NACEM for presentation of best practices in community planning for the aging population.
 - a. We had 4 sessions (3 breakouts and one general) that focused on aspects of community planning for the aging population at the NACEM conference.
- All Agencies of the SMWG will identify applicable agencies and invite them to be part of the work group to further enhance the house and land use issues within Michigan.
 - a. An injury prevention coordinator and Trauma Coordinator from Beaumont Hospital recently joined the SMWG.

Promote the Design and Operation of Michigan Roadways with Features that Better Accommodate the Special Needs of Older Drivers and Pedestrians

- All activities are continuing, none completed.

Develop and/or Enhance Programs to Identify Older Drivers at Increased Risk of Crashing and take Appropriate Action

- The MDOT, MDOS, AAA, and OHSP are partnering to develop a printed older driver safety guidebook. The intended audience for the guidebook is seniors themselves and their families. It will be distributed via Secretary of State branch offices, senior centers, the medical community, and others. The booklet is scheduled to be finished in the fall of 2013.
 - a. The Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families publication was released in May 2014 with 23,000 copies printed. As of November 2014, less than 3,000 copies remain. They have been distributed to the public via Secretary of State branch offices and during driver reexaminations, OSA, OHSP, AAA Michigan, AARP, NACEM, Jewish Family Services, Geriatric Education Center of Michigan, Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers, physician offices, law enforcement conferences and meetings, local law enforcement agencies, traffic safety meetings, injury prevention coordinators, medical societies, aging commissions, and others. A second edition printing and distribution plan is being developed for FY2015.

- Develop Web pages pertaining to older drivers for the MDOS Web site.
 - a. The Michigan Department of State has developed and implemented www.michigan.gov/agingdriver that currently provides a landing page for the Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families publication. This page is expected to grow with additional information and resources pertaining to older drivers.
- An *Older Driver Safety Presentation* is available and utilized by Community Service Troopers (CSTs) around the state for community outreach specifically at Senior Centers.
 - a. CSTs continue to use the presentation at senior centers and events around the state.

Encourage Senior-friendly Transportation Options

- AARP will continue to provide the Driver Safety Program.
 - a. AARP came out with a new Smart Driver program in 2014.
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B has the myride2 mobility management service.
 - a. AAA1-B continues growing the myride2 program.
- The MDOS makes senior driver information available at its branch offices and on Web pages.
 - a. Copies of the Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and their Families is available in all branch offices.

Provide Recommendations Related to Senior Mobility and Safety Legislation

- All activities ongoing

Improve Communication and Coordination Among Partners at the State, Regional and Local Levels to Enhance Senior Mobility

- Host the GTSAC sponsored 2014 North American Conference on Elderly Mobility – Best Practices around the World – A Decade of Progress.
 - a. Completed. 221 people registered to attend the conference. All feedback was positive and suggested we not wait 10 more years to host another one.
- Participation in the Older Driver Safety – Interstate Collaboration quarterly conference calls to share senior mobility program ideas.
 - a. Four conference calls were held in 2014. These calls include a representative and participation from MI, CA, IA, FL, VA, TN, UT, and MD. MDOT, OHSP, and MDOS have participated from Michigan.